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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Plague-prevention work in California.

Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.
Last case of rodent plague: Trapped, October 23, 1908.

Week ended December 11.

Premises inspected	405
Houses destroyed	5
Buildings condemned	12
Nuisances abated	59
Poisons placed	7,835
Rats trapped	1,961
Rats found dead	42
Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus	1,604
Mus rattus	64
Mus musculus	296
Mus alexandrinus	39
Total	2,003
Rats examined bacteriologically	1,443
Rats found infected with *B. pestis*	0
Total number of rats found infected to date	398

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, October 26, 1909.
Last case of rodent plague: Found, December 1, 1908.

Week ended December 11.

Rats found dead	17
Rats trapped	643
Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus	606
Mus musculus	54
Total	660
Rats examined bacteriologically	588
Rats found infected with *B. pestis*	0

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF POINT RICHMOND).

Last case of human plague: Sickened, July 21, 1908.
Last case of rodent plague: Found, September 28, 1909.
Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date, 240.

FRESNO COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Fresno County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	17
Ground squirrels shot	300
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	282
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

KERN COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Kern County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	6
Ground squirrels shot	22
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	20
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

MARIPOSA COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Mariposa County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	8
Ground squirrels shot	155
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	152
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

MERCED COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Merced County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	33
Ground squirrels shot	287
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	284
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

MONTEREY COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Monterey County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	24
Ground squirrels shot	84
Ground squirrels found dead	1
Ground squirrels caught alive	1
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	82
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in San Joaquin County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	14
Ground squirrels shot	39
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	36
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in San Luis Obispo County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	18
Ground squirrels shot	106
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	100
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

SAN MATEO COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in San Mateo County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	11
Ground squirrels shot	17
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	17
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Santa Barbara County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	8
Ground squirrels shot	35
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	32
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CAL.

Last case of rodent plague: Found, November 6, 1909.
No record of human plague in Santa Cruz County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	18
Ground squirrels shot	28
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	26
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0
Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date	1

TULARE COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Tulare County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	5
Ground squirrels shot	36
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	34
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

VENTURA COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Ventura County.

Week ended December 11.

Ranches inspected	10
Ground squirrels shot	25
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically	23
Ground squirrels found infected with *B. pestis*	0

Seattle, Wash.—Bacteriological examination of rats resumed.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, December 17:

The municipal plague laboratory was completed December 13, 1909, and Asst. Surg. C. W. Chapin resumed the bacteriological examination of rats on that date.